IN THE CLAIMS

This is a complete and current listing of the claims, marked with status identifiers in parentheses. The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) Method for protecting a commercial product ~~(200)~~ against theft, ~~in which a security unit (1) is equipped with a connect mode (110)~~, the method comprising: ~~characterized in that~~
activating ~~the security unit (1) has an on-state mode (100) in which~~ a receiver ~~(6) that is~~ housed in ~~the~~ a security unit, ~~(1)~~ the security unit thereby being in an on-state mode~~is activated, specifically is switched on,~~; and ~~in that~~
shifting the ~~system is shifted~~security unit from the on-state mode ~~(100)~~ to ~~the~~ a connect mode ~~(110)~~ when the receiver ~~(6)~~ is impinged upon by a transmitter ~~(5)~~.

2. (Currently Amended) Method pursuant to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the security unit ~~(1)~~ is placed in the on-state mode ~~(100)~~ when it is switched on~~, especially when it is connected to an energy source~~.

3. (Currently Amended) Method pursuant to claim 1 ~~or 2, characterized in that~~wherein, in the connect mode ~~(110)~~, the security unit ~~(1) can be~~is prepared for a shift to a monitoring mode ~~(130)~~.

4. (Currently Amended) Method pursuant to ~~one of claims 1 through 3, characterized in that~~claim 1, wherein the receiver ~~(6)~~ is deactivated~~, specifically is switched off,~~ when the security unit ~~(1)~~ shifts to the connect mode ~~(110)~~.

5. (Currently Amended) Method pursuant to ~~one of claims 1 through 4, characterized in that~~claim 1, wherein the security unit ~~(1)~~ is shifted from the connect mode ~~(110)~~ to an alarm mode ~~(120)~~ if it is not prepared within a preset time interval for a shift to the monitoring mode ~~(130)~~, and ~~in that~~wherein the receiver ~~(6)~~ is activated~~, specially is switched on,~~ when the security unit ~~(1)~~ shifts to the alarm mode ~~(120)~~.

6. (Currently Amended) Method pursuant to claim 3, ~~characterized in that~~wherein, in the monitoring mode ~~(130)~~, an attempted theft will result in a shift to ~~the~~ an alarm mode ~~(120)~~, ~~in that~~wherein in the monitoring mode ~~(130)~~ the receiver ~~(6)~~ is deactivated ~~, specially is switched off,~~ and ~~in that~~wherein the receiver ~~(6)~~ is activated~~, specially is switched on,~~ when the security unit ~~(1)~~ shifts to the alarm mode ~~(120)~~.

7. (Currently Amended) Method pursuant to claim 5 ~~or 6~~, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the alarm mode ~~(120)~~ is terminated when the receiver ~~(6)~~ is impinged upon by the transmitter ~~(5)~~.

8. (Currently Amended) Method for protecting a commercial product ~~(200)~~ against theft, in which a security unit ~~(1)~~ is connected to a central unit ~~(10)~~ via connectors ~~(4)~~, ~~and in which the central unit (10) is equipped with a connect mode (110), characterized in that~~comprising: ~~the central unit (10) has an on-state mode (100), in which~~
activating a receiver ~~(6) that is~~ housed in the central unit ~~(10) is activated, specially is switched on~~, the central unit thereby being in an on-state mode; and
shifting ~~in that~~ the ~~system is shifted~~central unit from the on-state mode ~~(100)~~ to ~~the~~ a connect mode ~~(110)~~ when the receiver ~~(6)~~ is impinged upon by a transmitter ~~(5)~~.

9. (Currently Amended) Method pursuant to claim 8, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the central unit ~~(10)~~ is shifted to the on-state mode ~~(100)~~ when it is switched on~~, specifically when it is connected to an energy source~~.

10. (Currently Amended) Method pursuant to claim 8 ~~or 9~~, ~~characterized in that~~wherein at least one of the security unit ~~(1)~~ and~~/or~~ the central unit, ~~(10) can be prepared~~ in the connect mode, ~~(110)~~ is prepared for a transfer to a monitoring mode ~~(130)~~.

11. (Currently Amended) Method pursuant to ~~one of claims~~claim 8 ~~through 10~~, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the receiver ~~(6)~~ is deactivated~~, specifically is switched off,~~ when the central unit ~~(10)~~ shifts to the connect mode ~~(110)~~.

12. (Currently Amended) Method pursuant to ~~one of claims~~claim ~~8 through 11, characterized in that~~, wherein the central unit ~~(10)~~ is switched from the connect mode

~~(110)~~ to an alarm mode ~~(120)~~ when at least one of the security unit ~~(1)~~ and~~/or~~ the central unit ~~(10)~~ ha~~ve~~s not been prepared for a shift to the monitoring mode ~~(130)~~ within a preset time interval, and ~~in that~~wherein the receiver ~~(6)~~ is activated~~, specifically is switched on,~~ when the central unit ~~(10)~~ shifts to the alarm mode ~~(120)~~.

13. (Currently Amended) Method pursuant to claim 10, ~~characterized in that~~wherein, in the monitoring mode ~~(130)~~, a theft attempt will result in a shift to an alarm mode ~~(120)~~, wherein~~in that~~ in the monitoring mode ~~(130)~~ the receiver ~~(6)~~ is deactivated~~, specifically is switched off,~~ and wherein ~~in that~~ the receiver ~~(6)~~ is activated~~, specifically is switched on,~~ when the central unit ~~(10)~~ shifts to the alarm mode ~~(120)~~.

14. (Currently Amended) Method pursuant to claim 12 ~~or 13~~, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the alarm mode ~~(120)~~ is terminated when the receiver ~~(6)~~ is impinged upon by the transmitter ~~(5)~~.

15. (Currently Amended) Method pursuant to ~~one of the preceding claims, characterized in that~~claim 8, wherein the transmitter ~~(5)~~ transmits a selection signal that impinges upon the receiver ~~(6)~~.

16. (Currently Amended) Method pursuant to claim 15, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the selection signal used to terminate the alarm mode ~~(120)~~ and the selection signal used to shift the system to the connect mode ~~(110)~~ are the same.

17. (Currently Amended) Method pursuant to claim 15, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the alarm mode ~~(120)~~ is not terminated if a selection signal received during the alarm mode ~~(120)~~ differs from the selection signal that was received by the system in the on-state mode ~~(100)~~.

18. (Currently Amended) Method pursuant to ~~one of claims~~claim 15 ~~through 17~~, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the selection signal is encoded.

19. (Currently Amended) Method pursuant to ~~one of claims~~claim 15 ~~through 18~~, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the selection signal is stored in the receiver ~~(6)~~ in a volatile memory~~, preferably in a RAM (random access memory)~~.

20. (Currently Amended) Method pursuant to ~~one of claims~~claim 15 ~~through 19, characterized in that~~, wherein at least one of the security unit ~~(1)~~ and/~~or~~ the central unit ~~(10)~~ are switched off and on in series, in order to subsequently transfer a selection signal to the security unit ~~(1)~~.

21. (Currently Amended) Method pursuant to ~~one of claims~~claim 15 ~~through 20, characterized in that~~, wherein, to transmit the selection signal from the transmitter ~~(5)~~ to the receiver, ~~(6)~~ a remote operation system~~, specifically a radio remote operation system,~~ is used.

22. (Currently Amended) Method pursuant to ~~one of claims~~claim 15 ~~through 21~~, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the selection signal is transmitted by a transmitter ~~(5)~~ to at least one other transmitter.

23. (Currently Amended) Method pursuant to ~~one of the preceding claims, characterized in that~~claim 8, wherein one or more operating modes for at least one of the security unit ~~(1)~~ and/~~or~~ the central unit ~~(10)~~ are indicated via at least one of an optical and/~~or~~ acoustic signal.

24. (Currently Amended) Method pursuant to claim 23, ~~characterized in that~~ ~~that~~wherein at least one of the optical and/~~or~~ acoustic signal is modulated based upon an amount of time remaining in the time interval.

25. (Currently Amended) Method pursuant to ~~one of the preceding claims, characterized in that~~ claim 8, wherein a status of an energy source for at least one of the security unit ~~(1)~~ and/~~or~~ the central unit ~~(10)~~ is monitored.

26. (Currently Amended) Method pursuant to claim 25, ~~characterized in that~~wherein at least one of an acoustic and/~~or~~ optical signal is emitted based upon the status of the energy source.

27. (Currently Amended) Method pursuant to ~~to one of the preceding claims, characterized in that~~claim 8, wherein at least one of multiple security units ~~(1)~~ and~~/or~~ multiple central units ~~(10)~~ are operated using a single transmitter ~~(5)~~.

28. (Currently Amended) Method pursuant to claim 8, wherein ~~to one of the preceding claims, characterized in that~~ the security unit ~~(1)~~ is equipped with a bracket component ~~(2)~~ for mounting to the product ~~(200)~~, and ~~in that~~wherein, in attaching the bracket component ~~(2)~~ to the product ~~(200)~~, a monitoring of the bracket component ~~(2)~~ for proper attachment to the product ~~(200)~~ is activated.

29. (Currently Amended) Method pursuant to claim 28, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the security unit ~~(1)~~ is equipped with a mounting component ~~(3)~~ that is connected to the bracket component ~~(2)~~ via connectors ~~(4)~~, for fastening to a mounting area that ~~preferably~~ cannot be stolen, and ~~in that~~wherein, in the attachment of the mounting component ~~(3)~~ to the mounting area, a monitoring of the mounting component ~~(3)~~ for proper fastening to the mounting area is activated.

30. (Currently Amended) Method pursuant to ~~one of~~ claims ~~28 or~~ 29, ~~characterized in that~~wherein, in at least one of attaching the bracket component ~~(2)~~ to the product ~~(200)~~ and~~/or in~~ attaching the mounting component ~~(3)~~ to the mounting area, the monitoring is activated ~~in that~~wherein, in at least one of the bracket component ~~(2)~~ and~~/or in~~ the mounting component ~~(3)~~, a measuring loop that ~~comprises~~ includes one or more sensors is closed.

31. (Currently Amended) Method pursuant to claim 30, ~~characterized in that~~wherein, when an attempt is made to separate at least one of the bracket component ~~(2)~~ from the product ~~(200) and/or~~, the mounting component ~~(3)~~ from the mounting area and~~/or~~ the bracket component ~~(2)~~ from the mounting component ~~(3), especially by severing the connectors (4)~~, the measuring loop is opened.

32. (Currently Amended) Method pursuant to claim 28, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the security unit ~~(1), especially the bracket component (2), can be connected~~is connectable to the central unit ~~(10)~~ via the connectors ~~(4)~~, and ~~in that~~wherein, in

connecting the security unit ~~(1)~~ to the central unit ~~(10)~~, a monitoring for proper connection of the security unit ~~(1)~~ to the central unit ~~(10)~~ is activated.

33. (Currently Amended) Method pursuant to claim 32, ~~characterized in that~~wherein, in at least one of attaching the bracket component ~~(2)~~ to the product ~~(200)~~ and~~/or~~ ~~in~~ connecting the security unit ~~(1)~~ to the central unit ~~(10)~~, the monitoring is activated ~~in that~~wherein, in the bracket component ~~(2)~~, a measuring loop ~~comprising~~ including one or more sensors is closed.

34. (Currently Amended) Method pursuant to claim 33, ~~characterized in that~~wherein, when an attempt is made to separate at least one of the bracket component ~~(2)~~ from the product ~~(200)~~ and~~/or~~ the security unit ~~(1)~~ from the central unit ~~(10), especially by severing the connectors (4)~~, the measuring loop is opened.

35. (Currently Amended) Device for protecting a commercial product ~~(200)~~ against theft, ~~wherein a security unit (1) is provided with a connect mode (110), characterized in that the~~comprising:

a security unit ~~(1) has~~including an on-state mode ~~(100),~~ in which a receiver ~~(6) that is~~ housed in the security unit ~~(1)~~ is activated, ~~specifically is switched on, and in that~~wherein the receiver ~~(6)~~ is deactivated in ~~the~~ a connect mode ~~(110), specifically is switched off~~of the security unit.

36. (Currently Amended) Device pursuant to claim 35, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the security unit ~~(1) has~~includes a monitoring mode ~~(130)~~, in which a theft attempt will result in the security unit ~~(1)~~ shifting to an alarm mode ~~(120)~~, and ~~in that~~wherein, in the monitoring mode, ~~(130)~~ the receiver ~~(6)~~ is deactivated~~, specifically is switched off~~, and activated in the alarm mode ~~(120) is activated, specifically is switched on~~.

37. (Currently Amended) Device pursuant to claim 36, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the security unit ~~(1) can be prepared~~is preparable, in the connect mode, ~~(110)~~ for a shift to the monitoring mode ~~(130)~~.

38. (Currently Amended) Device for protecting a product ~~(200)~~ against theft, ~~wherein~~ comprising:

a security unit ~~(1) is~~ connected to a central unit ~~(10)~~ via connectors ~~(4), wherein~~ the central unit ~~(10) is~~including ~~equipped with~~ a connect mode ~~(110), characterized in that the central unit (10) is equipped with~~ and an on-state mode ~~(100), in which~~ a receiver ~~(6) that is~~ housed in the central unit being ~~(10) is~~ activated in the on-state mode and being ~~(6) is~~ deactivated in the connect mode ~~(110), specifically is switched off.~~

39. (Currently Amended) Device pursuant to claim 38, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the central unit ~~(10) is equipped with~~includes a monitoring mode ~~(130)~~, in which a theft attempt will trigger a shift of the central unit ~~(10)~~ to an alarm mode ~~(120)~~, and wherein the receiver is deactivated ~~in that~~ in the monitoring mode ~~(130) the receiver (6) is deactivated, specifically is switched off,~~ and activated in the alarm mode ~~(120) is activated, specifically is switched on~~.

40. (Currently Amended) Device pursuant to claim 39, ~~characterized in that~~wherein at least one of the security unit ~~(1)~~ and ~~/or~~ the central unit ~~(10) can be prepared~~is preparable in the connect mode ~~(110)~~ for a shift to the monitoring mode ~~(130)~~.

41. (Currently Amended) Device pursuant to ~~one of claims~~claim 35 ~~through 40~~, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the security unit ~~(1) is equipped with~~includes a bracket component ~~(2)~~ for attachment to the product ~~(200)~~.

42. (Currently Amended) Device pursuant to claim 41, ~~characterized in that~~wherein a monitoring ~~can be activated~~is activatable via an attachment of the bracket component ~~(2)~~ to the product ~~(200)~~.

43. (Currently Amended) Device pursuant to ~~one of~~ claims 41 ~~or 42~~, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the security unit ~~(1) is equipped with~~includes a mounting component ~~(3) that is~~ connected to the bracket component ~~(2)~~ via connectors ~~(4)~~ and ~~is~~ intended for mounting the unit to a mounting area ~~that preferably cannot be stolen~~.

44. (Currently Amended) Device pursuant to claim 43, ~~characterized in that~~wherein a monitoring is activatable~~can be activated~~ by attaching the mounting component ~~(3)~~ to the mounting area.

45. (Currently Amended) Device pursuant to ~~one of~~ claims ~~41 or 42~~, wherein~~characterized in that~~ the security unit is~~(1)~~ ~~can be~~ connectable~~ed~~ via connectors ~~(4)~~ to the central unit ~~(10)~~, and wherein~~in that~~ a monitoring ~~can be activated~~is activatable by connecting the security unit ~~(1)~~ to the central unit ~~(10)~~.

46. (Currently Amended) Device pursuant to ~~one of claims~~claim 35 ~~through 45~~, ~~characterized in that~~wherein a transmitter, ~~(5) that is~~ designed as a remote operation system~~, specifically as a radio remote operation system~~, is provided for impinging upon the receiver ~~(6)~~.

47. (Currently Amended) Device pursuant to ~~one of claims~~claim 35 ~~through 46~~, wherein~~characterized in that~~ at least one of the security unit ~~(1)~~ and~~/or~~ the central unit includes~~(10)~~ ~~comprises~~ a ~~preferably~~ volatile memory~~, preferably a RAM (random access memory),~~ for storing a selection signal.

48. (Currently Amended) Device pursuant to ~~one of claims~~claim 35 ~~through 47~~, wherein~~characterized in that~~ at least one of the security unit ~~(1)~~ and~~/or~~ the central unit includes at least one of ~~(10) is equipped with~~ optical and ~~or~~ acoustic signal generators ~~(7)~~.

49. (Currently Amended) Device pursuant to claim 48, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the optical signal generators are designed as light-emitting diodes ~~(7a)~~.

50. (Currently Amended) Device pursuant to claim 48 ~~or 49~~, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the acoustic signal generators are designed as piezoelectric transducers ~~(7b)~~.

51. (Currently Amended) Device pursuant to ~~one of claims~~claim 35 ~~through 50~~, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ a housing of at least one of the security unit ~~(1)~~ and~~/or~~ the central unit ~~(10)~~ is at least partially translucent or transparent.

52. (Currently Amended) Device pursuant to ~~one of claims~~claim 35 ~~through 51~~, ~~characterized in that~~wherein at least one of the bracket component ~~(2)~~ and~~/or~~ the mounting component is~~(3) are~~ equipped with a measuring loop formed by one or more sensors.

53. (Currently Amended) Device pursuant to claim 52, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the measuring loop of the bracket component ~~(2)~~ and the measuring loop of the mounting component ~~(3)~~ are connected in series.

54. (Currently Amended) Device pursuant to ~~one of claims~~claim 52 ~~or 53~~, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the measuring loop~~(s) can be opened~~ opens up when an attempt is made to separate at least one of the bracket component ~~(2)~~ from the product ~~(200) or~~, the mounting component ~~(3)~~ from the mounting area ~~or~~ and the bracket component ~~(2)~~ from the mounting component ~~(3), specifically by severing the connectors (4)~~.

55. (Currently Amended) Device pursuant to ~~one of claims~~claim 52 ~~through 54~~, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the one or more sensors are designed as at least one of electrical sensors, ~~especially as ohmic sensors that preferably comprise foil type conductor loops, or as~~ capacitive sensors and~~/or as~~ optical sensors.

56. (Currently Amended) Device pursuant to ~~one of claims~~claim 35 ~~through 55~~, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein at least one of the bracket component ~~(2)~~ and~~/or~~ the mounting component ~~(3)~~ are provided with an adhesive layer ~~(2a)~~ for at least one of affixing the bracket component ~~(2)~~ to the product ~~(200)~~ and~~/or for~~ affixing the mounting component ~~(3)~~ to the mounting area~~, which preferably is comprised of a double-sided adhesive strip~~.

57. (Currently Amended) Device pursuant to claim 56, ~~characterized in that as~~wherein the adhesive strip is a double-sided adhesive strip~~, the adhesive strip that is sold by the Beiersdorf firm under the trade name "Tesa Power Strip" is used~~.

58. (Currently Amended) Device pursuant to claim 56 ~~or 57~~, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the adhesive layer ~~(2a)~~ adheres more strongly to at least one of the product and~~(200) or to~~ the mounting area than to at least one of the bracket component and~~(2) or to~~ the mounting component ~~(3)~~.

59. (Currently Amended) Device pursuant to ~~one of claims~~claim 56 ~~through 58~~, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the at least one adhesive layer~~(s) (2a)~~ is~~/are~~ provided with a grip tab ~~(2d)~~.

60. (Currently Amended) Device pursuant to ~~one of claims~~claim 52 ~~through 59~~, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the one or more sensors are integrated at least partially into the adhesive layer ~~(2a)~~.

61. (Currently Amended) Device pursuant to ~~one of claims~~claim 43 ~~through 60~~, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the receiver ~~(6)~~ is housed in at least one of the mounting component and ~~(3) or in~~ the central unit ~~(10)~~.

62. (Currently Amended) Device pursuant to ~~one of claims~~claim 43 ~~through 61~~, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ a battery chamber ~~(8)~~ is provided in at least one of the mounting component ~~(3) or in~~and the central unit ~~(10)~~.

63. (Currently Amended) Device pursuant to ~~one of the claims~~claim 41 ~~through 62~~, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the bracket component ~~(2)~~ is provided with a first mounting area ~~(2b)~~ and a second mounting area, and ~~(2c) preferably designed as a surface~~ wherein the second mounting area ~~(2c)~~ is more flexible than the first mounting area ~~(2b)~~.

64. (Currently Amended) Device pursuant to claim 63, ~~characterized in that~~wherein a material thickness at the first mounting area ~~(2b)~~ is greater than a material thickness at the second mounting area ~~(2c)~~.

65. (Currently Amended) Device pursuant to ~~one of claims~~claim 43 ~~through 64~~, wherein~~characterized in that~~ the mounting component ~~(3)~~ is equipped with a retractor device ~~(9)~~.

66. (Currently Amended) Device pursuant to ~~one of claims~~claim 43 ~~through 65~~, wherein~~characterized in that~~ the connectors ~~(4)~~ are designed as cable~~, specifically as flat ribbon cable~~.

67. (Currently Amended) Device pursuant to ~~one of claims~~claim 43 ~~through 66~~, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the mounting component ~~(3) can be suspended~~is at least one of suspendable and~~/or~~ latchable~~ed~~ in the bracket component ~~(2)~~.

68. (Currently Amended) Device pursuant to ~~one of claims~~claim 43 ~~through 67~~, wherein~~characterized in that~~ the mounting component ~~(3)~~ and the bracket component ~~(2) can be coupled~~are coupleable via ~~by means of~~ a magnet.